

GOLF COMMENTARY BY MISS LEITCH--HAGEN WINS "PRO" TITLE

HAGEN TAKES GOLF FINAL BY 3 AND 2

Defeats Jim Barnes for American Professional Title at Inwood.

STANDS 1 UP IN MORNING

Winner Totals 69 in First Round and Then Goes Out in 33.

By KERR N. PETRIE.

By defeating Jim Barnes of Pelham by 3 up and 2 to play yesterday on the Inwood links in the thirty-six hole final of the P. G. A. championship Walter Hagen demonstrated to the satisfaction of his friends and admirers that he has no immediate intention of allowing his name to be erased from the list of the great American professional golf triumvirate. Walter started his season a little lackadaisically, but toward the finish he has come with a rush. A few weeks ago he won the Western open title, and now with the professional championship dangling at his belt he can justly claim that despite the victory of Jock Hutchison in the British open and the success of Jim Barnes in the American blue ribbon event at Washington he has come through the season with a fair share of the honors.

The game that Hagen turned upon Barnes yesterday was one of his very best. It was unbeatably practical, for in the afternoon the raven haired home bred player the first nine in 33, four shots under par, and driving for the fourth was no less than four under 48. Jim made the mistake of allowing his opponent to get a flying start in the afternoon, for Hagen won the first and second in 48 and 49, and to an advantage of one carried over to the first eighteen holes, left the Pelham man battling with his back to the wall.

Hagen from that stage on never gave Barnes a winning chance. His strokes were long and generally straight, and while his approaches usually were inside those of Barnes, Walter putted with unerring aim, while Jim, when he had a chance, did as much as hang them on the rim. As far as the fourteenth hole Hagen never made the semblance of a mistake. With the playing of this hole Jim scored his first success, but it was a little too late by that time.

A bunkered tee shot was Hagen's trouble here. Barnes was just a little better, for he was in the rough, and a few feet more would have placed him beside his rival. Hagen decided to play a safety shot, and this enabled Barnes to gain the distance equivalent to a stroke, all things being equal.

Burns Wins His First Hole.

With his third Hagen was still on the ground on the side of the green. Barnes meanwhile being within fifteen feet of the cup. Hagen's fourth shot left him with an eight foot putt for a half, but this affair was missed. Jim thus scored his first win of the afternoon.

Considering that the Pelham man was at the time 4 down with 5 to play, it was not a particularly encouraging break. However, Jim stuck to his task. With the tee shot for the eighth stroke Hagen had decided the better of it, his ball being only five feet from the cup, while that of Barnes was a dozen feet or more away. With his putt Barnes sent his ball to the lip of the cup and Hagen had his chance to finish the match. Walter putted boldly and had started forward to pick the sphere out of the cup. It was merely a stroke of the arm. The shot appeared to be accurately aimed, but as Hagen stooped the ball came out to meet him.

Hagen now was down 5. Walter Barnes the sixteenth with a wild shot that on several other holes would have been away out of bounds. His second shot was from the seventeenth fairway, and so far away was he left that he decided to play safe of the tree guarding the green on his second. Barnes saw his chance and sent a fine rolling low iron shot into the wind to stop no more than eighteen feet beyond the flag pin. Hagen's short putt was strong and Barnes ran his ball within a club's length. Hagen missed and the national open champion on his short putt to prolong the match.

Jim was making a fighting finish of it. Considering Hagen's ragged play on the fourteenth and sixteenth there was just a possibility that Barnes would carry the match to the home green and perhaps even it up. In any event it could not possibly finish before the twentieth. Then came the crash that broke the tension. Barnes missed his short putt, stuck the ball on the lip of the cup most miserably, and Hagen had the championship of the Professional Golfers' Association by the margin of 3 and 2.

Barnes Defeats Emmet French.

Before starting with Hagen Barnes was left to play the first place of his semi-final match with Emmet French of Youngstown, captain of the American professional team, which played in the British open championship at St. Andrews. Jim had been two up on Friday when the storm necessitated a suspension of hostilities. With the course practically recovered from the deluge Barnes made a fast passage into the final. He was two under four, and this sort of thing added three more holes to the Pelham man's lead, and left him winner by 5 up and 2 to play.

It was, perhaps, a mistake for Barnes to play so much golf in one day. It cannot be said, however, that Jim did not play well. Nothing was a blame for his defeat but Hagen and the latter's relentless golf. On the first hole in the morning Walter holed a forty foot putt for a three and he repeated the feat by chipping in from off the green. That left Barnes with a battle on his hands right away. At the third Hagen almost holed another of his gobblers, but Barnes got a half and then began to give as good as he received. Six holes out Barnes had the match squared and at the ninth the national open titleholder actually had moved into the lead with a card of three holes of thirty-four as against the thirty-five registered by Hagen.

Coming back Hagen squared when Barnes missed a short putt on the short green, but Jim came back at Walter cleverly on the next, hitting the pin with a perfect mashie shot and scoring a birdie three. Barnes's machinelike golf broke down temporarily at this stage and he lost three in a row. On the twelfth and fourteenth he was out of bounds, while on the thirteenth Jim sliced his drive and then played over a tree into a bunker across the green. Hagen lost the sixteenth through bunkering his second and that was the sum total of the damage done to the

Miss Leitch's Rules for Keeping Fit in Golf Play

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In order to stand the strain of constant play during the crowded golfing season a player must be fit. It is maintained by some that it is possible to feel too strong. There may be something in this theory, as many successes have been gained by players who were far below par in health, but golf under these conditions is twice the strain, and as nerve is just as important as actual play, one must consider one's health.

Personally I do not consider strict training necessary, and any successes I have achieved were the result of living the simple life. Before and during championship matches important meetings plenty of sleep and regular hours are essential. It is utterly useless for those who are anxious to do well to imagine they can keep late hours and be on their game the following day. Perhaps I am exceptionally fortunate to be a particularly sound sleeper. I cannot remember ever having lost a wink of sleep through worrying over a match, and I am not satisfied with less than ten hours.

Before playing Miss Titterton (now Mrs. Jock Gibbs) in the semi-final of my first championship I had fourteen hours sleep, and felt almost ashamed to admit the fact when my opponent stated that four hours' sleep was all she had snatched. Some temperaments require more sleep than others, and it is not necessarily a nervous player who loses rest before an important event. During the championship at Newcastle, County Down, last year I invariably had an hour's sleep between matches. If only competitors would do this instead of following other games I am sure there would be fewer cases of the unexpected defeat of favorites.

Women Not So Erratic.

Ladies are not nervous players as a whole. In fact, it is said by many critics that ladies are more likely to play to form in championships and to offer big meetings than the stronger sex. The marvelous recoveries that I myself have witnessed lead me to agree with this opinion, and the pathetic accounts one hears of first class amateurs and professionals losing sleep and appetite are still further confirmations of this conviction.

Most players on "this side" would probably find the ladies' open championship a most tiring and trying meeting. On the Friday and Saturday preceding the actual championship international matches are played. England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales are represented, and those who are fortunate enough to gain their colors are called upon to play a member of each other's country. This means three hard matches for one's country before one's own personal reputation is at stake. Unless a strong contingent of overseas competitors is present the eventual winner is almost certain to be an internationalist, who has to play two rounds each of five days on a testing seaside links against opponents who are tuned up to concert pitch. It will be readily imagined that a player must be in form and thoroughly fit throughout the time. As I have been fortunate enough to accomplish through this ordeal on three successive occasions, it may interest my readers to learn the methods of training that I have found satisfactory.

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Halved the First Hole in Thirty, Then Quit

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He even persuaded her to play one stroke to the good on the transaction. In medal play the two would have an advantage of four strokes and there would be no losing after that by the compiler of the half day's play. The player would simply be suffering for his or her own bad play.

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Tennis Exhibition Tour to Start on Orange Courts

First of the exhibition tennis matches for the benefit of the Fund for Deaf-mutes in which America's leading players are to appear will be played next Saturday at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club, according to an announcement yesterday by the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

William F. Tilden, 24, champion of the world; Vincent Richards, junior champion of the United States; Miss Leila Bancroft of Boston, and possibly Mrs. B. E. Cole of Bolton will begin the series. Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, woman champion of the United States; Miss Eleanor Goss and other noted tournament players also will play in the series at a later date.

At Orange, Tilden and Richards will meet in singles, and this match will be followed by a mixed doubles in which Miss Bancroft and probably Mrs. Cole will pair with Tilden and Richards. The same players will compete in a second exhibition Sunday, October 9, at Short Hills, N. J., while at the Garden City Club, Brighton, N. Y., on October 12, Mrs. Mallory and Miss Goss will take the places of Miss Bancroft and Mrs. Cole. At Hartford, Conn., on October 15, Miss Goss and Miss Bancroft will appear with Messrs. Tilden and Richards. The remainder of the schedule will be announced later.

From the above it will be seen why I cannot fully subscribe to the opinion

that 85 will not be beaten. In a championship field one may be pardoned for looking for at least one per score, and my analysis of the course tells me that that par is 84. Whether such a score will fall to be recorded is altogether a different matter, for the evidence has been that the tension of qualifying play is generally good for six strokes added to the average game.

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A year ago Bourne eliminated Grant Peacock, another home representative, but this season Peacock won the second sixteen cup.

The match that attracted attention, however, was between Rowe and Thomas Armour of Scotland, winner of the Nassau tournament, in the early hours. It had been considered a foregone conclusion that Armour would win in the semi-final, but the French champion failed to come up to expectations.

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